

FEW CLOTHES IS "OK" IN BERLIN

In Theaters, Cabarets and Stores Dress Economy Comes to Notice.

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BERLIN, July 12.—Another amusement popular here just now is the "half-natural." It is very natural. One of the cast in particular ranked with the principal for the old song about the string of beads and a heavenly smile. But she didn't smile. Neither did the audience, nor did they enthuse visibly. They sat and looked. The house was packed.

The also, was a new version of the old circus tableau—the figures in tight, so powdered as to give the appearance of marble statues. "The Three Virgins" the act was called. They were bronze, not marble figures. There were no tight, I wonder whether it washes off easily. And when the house was cool—

The act brought a curtain call. The bronze statues bowed, then resumed their poses. A man came out, dressed in an article of the biggest hand. One gathered that it was his idea and that he owned the ladies. The virgins bowed and the audience gave him the credit.

Their taste runs so. Cabaret dancers invariably seem to economize in the nation's interest in one re-stocking while amusing the public. They wear out no shoes and stockings, while making the fact of simply because they wear none. One cannot help noticing, also, that art store windows and the public gaze fact wearing apparel. Nudes have quite a vogue in the art stores and in the smart weekly magazines.

But Berlin keeps two opera houses filled, and in the gigantic new theater finished since the war, I saw the mob scene in Julius Caesar followed by a first-night demonstration on the part of the audience which itself seemed to be staged throughout the war.

Theoretically, the curfew rings at 11:30 in Berlin. The restaurant lights go out then and taxis stop running. There are many night gambling clubs. I'm told, but their numbers are lessening all the while. Following the "Kop putz" the government grip on the country relaxed. Germans of various classes neglected to "ver-bieten" when the rules read "verboten."

But the rules and regulations are being more stringently enforced now. Besides other things, gambling places are liable to frequent raiding, and a law is now before the reichstag making the patrons as well as the proprietors subject to punishment.

The Berlin of the restaurants and hotels dines well into the night—right up to the first of the hour, in fact. Many a time I found myself dining in a semi-private and solitary state at a table before I learned that such an hour was more or less the middle of the afternoon.

A party of four, we went one night to a place of many letters, which, I believe, constituted German for "The Bat." At 8:15 we arrived. The clock room women looked up in surprise. Inside, in a dome-like and highly gilded room, where only every fifth light socket held an electric globe, the orchestra beatified itself—doubtless with silent remarks—and started a concert solely for our benefit. A half hour later some other folk arrived.

In England there is a professional toastmaster at banquets, a sort of upper servant, who stands behind the chairman's seat and "prays silence" for this and that speaker. I am told that after-dinner speaking isn't done here, but the professional toastmaster survives in the announcer for a cabaret performance. He tells a funny story or two, then announces a singer. A little later he reappears and tells a couple more, then announces a magician. Again some stories, and he announces a dancer, bare of foot and leg, of course. This German version of the English professional toastmaster was particularly versatile. After announcing a comedian, whose jokes, in a companion informed me, would be indecent if translated into English, the announcer came forward to his own behalf and staged an act of his own. It was a ditty of many verses, telling about Germany today. One dealt with the Bolsheviks. I looked at the waiters. They weren't cheering. Another verse dealt with the politician, and so on down the line, until he had drawn a picture of "everybody for himself."

Then came the Schleber, the profiteer. "Garden me," said the performer. "If I look at the ceiling I find this verse."

He looked at the ceiling, and I took a census. There were just thirty-four of us there. In a restaurant which had a capacity for eight times that number, one had seen the bit of pure previously. It convinced every one of the 34 of us of being Schlebers, but the census didn't indicate that the profiteering class is so tremendously numerous, or that Berlin's night life is as bright as it is in the daytime.

Then, finally, came the neat little sermon. "When a family quarrel," said a little, amiable, and "the same one also is always ready to take advantage. On the Rhine, in France, she must not advance farther."

Macon Now "Prof." At Vocational Hi

George A. Macon, head of the Macon and Andrews business college was elected head of the commercial department of Crockett Vocational high school at the regular meeting of the board of education held Monday night. Salary increases were granted to a number of employees of the school system and a large number of former teachers were re-elected.

Aside from the election of teachers mentioned, only routine matters occupied the attention of the board.

SAYS MOUNTAIN LION STEAK WORLD'S FINEST

DENVER, July 12. (By International News Service.)—A healthy wallop at the high cost of food will be delivered, and the meat supply in the Rocky mountain region materially increased if Dr. Walter H. Bailey's recent announcement is heeded.

Following a state-wide campaign to annihilate the predatory mountain lion that has been so destructive to domestic animals—the figure of the winner, comes the epicurean advice of the physician that the flesh of the mountain lion makes the "finest eating in the world." Mountain lion steak, Dr. Bailey declares, is a feast fit for a king, and he also recommends that the meat be eaten as highly palatable and nutritious.

THIS RACE ON ICE.
JERICHO SPRINGS, Mo., July 12. (By International News Service.)—Joshua Bays, aged resident of this place, never hesitated to "take a chance" on a horse race, but he refused to take one on being buried alive.

In accordance with Bays' dying wishes, his body was packed in ice for three days and then buried without being embalmed.

Bays, who at the time of his death was on the sunny side of 80, was well known in the southwest part of the state as a race horse owner.

That's what a proud father told us of his young 14-year-old son the other day.

It seems father had been reading the "sale ads," and style-wise son had been reading "The Boys' Shop ads" and had seen his friends Phil A. Halle togged—and then a quiet argument ensued.

And when father, after looking around, gave in—and came to us with his son for a comparison of prices, fabrics and patterns—well, we'll say the boy is a Phil A. Halle patron for life!

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Next Four Years Will Decide Fate Of U. S., Pastor Says

COLUMBUS, O., July 12. (By International News Service.)—"The destiny of this country is bound up in the next four years. In that time we must show the world whether our democracy is worth saving or not," said Rev. Dr. D. P. Rittenhouse, pastor of the First Baptist church, discussing "Modern America and Her Mission."

"It is the mission of America to produce the highest type of manhood the world has ever seen."

"America is the only nation in the world with liberty as the basic thought, although the idea has been copied by other countries. The United States is marvelous because of its unity, climate and singular prosperity. We have our president who heads the affairs of the nation, and the political life of the nation is maintained with unusual unity of spirit. Every square mile is suitable for habitation by the white man. The poor are provided for as no other country provides for them, and the per capita wealth is greater than any other nation."

"America, also, is remarkable for its growth in civilization. It is a nation of machines. Chicago has more telephones than all the nations of Europe combined. America must save herself industrially, economically and politically. She must work harder and produce more. The overseas men worked 10 hours a day and gave two hours a day to the government."

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EDGAR PLANS MORE PAY FOR HIS MEN

A change in present legislative enactments that would permit the establishment of a strict civil service rule and better pay for the members of the Memphis fire and police departments will be sought at the next regular session of the legislature, according to John B. Edgar, fire and police commissioner. He hopes to have the act ready by January.

Physical and mental tests would be required for applicants for both departments and upon these tests they would be graded; their ultimate promotion and increased pay would depend entirely upon their efficiency rather than upon length of service; and the plan of the commissioner is to have vacancies filled from the ranks.

SUES FOR DEATH.

The sum of \$25,000 damages was sought in a suit filed in circuit court Tuesday by George G. Lewis, administrator of the estate of Ada L. Lewis, deceased, against M. and Y. Silverstein. The petition charges that Ada L. Lewis was killed by an automobile belonging to the Silversteins on May 30, at Belvedere and Central avenues.

LABOR DEFEATS MOVE TO OPPOSE PLAN IN IRELAND

LONDON, July 12.—The proposal to employ direct action in order to force the government to withdraw its troops from Ireland was defeated today in the House of Commons.

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